

ELI M. COUCH.

JUNE 3, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STURTEVANT, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4547.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred Senate bill 4547, have examined the same and the evidence and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$6 to \$16 per month the pension of Eli M. Couch.

The Senate report (No. 1052) states the facts, and is as follows:

Eli M. Couch served as a private in Company A, Brackett's battalion, Minnesota Volunteer Cavalry, from March 19, 1864, to July 30, 1865, when he was honorably discharged from the service.

Your committee has carefully examined the evidence in this case and feels warranted in saying that the beneficiary of this bill is now incapacitated for earning support for himself and family by manual labor, upon which he must depend for support, except a pension of \$6 per month, which he is now receiving. While there is some conflict in the testimony and report of examining surgeons as to other ailments than injury to the spine, on this latter point there is no difference of opinion. The claimant's captain, as well as other witnesses, testify in unqualified terms that while on a march from Sioux City, Iowa, to Fort Sully, Dak., in June, 1865, he was unable to mount his horse because of serious injury to his back, and by these same witnesses it is shown that the claimant's injury originated in the service and while he was in the line of duty.

It appears that the injury thus sustained soon necessitated the claimant's discharge from the service, and evidence by an examining surgeon as early as 1882 shows that the claimant was unable to perform manual labor to any considerable degree. This same point is also established by another examining surgeon in 1885. It is shown by competent witnesses that the claimant was in strong, robust health at the time of his enlistment in 1864.

In view of the facts stated and the financial condition of the soldier, your committee have concluded to report the Senate bill favorably when amended as follows:

In line 7, after "pension," insert the words "at the rate."

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